

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
••	: Examiner: C. H. Jones, I	П
YUICHI MATSUMOTO, ET AL.)	
·	: Group Art Unit: 2623	
Application No.: 09/873,250)	
	: Confirmation No.: 5978	
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in response to the final Office Action dated January 4, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: